

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 to 19, 21 and 22 were previously pending in this application. With this amendment, claims 1 and 13 to 16 have been amended, and claims 19 to 22 have been cancelled. No new subject matter has been introduced with these amendments.

Examiner Interview

In an interview conducted on January 8, 2007, as summarized in an Interview Summary issued January 18, 2007, the Examiner indicated his assessment that the prior art does not disclose or even suggest selecting a bulk solidifying amorphous alloy based on the "crystallization stability", as required by claims 13 to 16. Accordingly, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include this criteria of "crystallization stability", thereby obviating the current prior art rejections. The remaining amendments have been made to properly relate all of the remaining claims to independent claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and response, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and, accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is earnestly solicited.

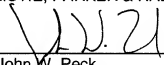
If any questions remain regarding the allowability of the application, Applicant would appreciate if the Examiner would advise the undersigned by telephone.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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